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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

Surgeon White detailed for duty in connection with the sanitation of Puerto Barrios, Guatemala.

With the consent of the Guatemalan Government, obtained through the Department of State, Surg. J. H. White was detailed, March 11, to consult with the officials of the United Fruit Company at Puerto Barrios, Guatemala, relative to measures to be taken to sanitize that port.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Lloyd authorized to assume duties of a sanitary director at Guayaquil, Ecuador.

On the request of the Government of Ecuador, transmitted through the American minister at Quito, Passed Assistant Surgeon Lloyd was authorized, March 21, by the Secretary of the Treasury, to assume the duties of director of sanitary work to combat plague in the city of Guayaquil, Ecuador.

CHINA.

Report from Hongkong—Quarantine restrictions—Smallpox—Inspection of vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Hough reports, February 8: Week ended February 8. Restrictions enforced by Hongkong remain as reported on November 2. To restrictions enforced against Hongkong as reported on November 2 the following have been added:

Dutch Indies: Arrivals from Hongkong, or vessels having called there, are subject to 5 days' quarantine from date of departure or of last plague case on board. Importation is temporarily prohibited of animal refuse, claws and hoofs, animal or human hair and bristles, untanned hides and hides salted or cured with arsenic, raw wool and rags, bags or sacks which have already been used, coming from or transhipped at Hongkong; also tapestry and used embroideries unless they are transported as personal baggage or in consequence of change of residence.

Quarantinable disease: Smallpox, 46 cases, 29 deaths. Vessels inspected and granted bill of health, 6.

COSTA RICA.

Report from San José—Quarantine declared at Punta Arenas against Antofagasta, Chile, and Peruvian ports on account of plague.

Consul Caldwell reports, February 29:

Owing to the existence of bubonic plague at Antofagasta, Chile, and in Peru, the Government of Costa Rica has declared quarantine at